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Application No.: 10/089,711

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Examiner: John R. Cottingham

For: Elements to be Linked by Means of a Screw
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed September 29, 2003. For the reasons set forth in the Remarks below, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Office action and issuance of an action in consideration of the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the filing of this application on April 1, 2002.

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